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Amendments to the Specification:

Please enter the following amendments to the specification as set forth below:

At page 1, lines 4 and 5, please delete the paragraph referring to related applications and substitute the following therefor:

--This is a division of co-pending application Serial No. 10/314,560, filed December 9, 2002, now abandoned, which is a continuation of Serial No. 09/742,947, filed December 20, 2002, now United States Patent No. 6,490,788, issued December 10, 2002, which is a continuation of Serial No. 09/466,003, filed December 17, 1999, now United States Patent No. 6,231,111, which is a continuation of Serial No. 08/895,729, filed July 17, 1997, now United States Patent No. 6,019,411, which is a continued prosecution application and continuation of Serial No. 08/482,029, filed June 7, 1995, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,667,896, which is a continuation-in-part of Serial No. 08/420,233, filed April 11, 1995, now abandoned, the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated by reference herein.--

Page 6, line 24, through page 7, line 13, please delete the paragraph and substitute the following therefor:

--A number of fastening techniques are contemplated for attaching the storage compartment 42 to the window panel 28. The same fastening techniques may also be used to attach the headliner 60 to the compartment bottom wall 50. Referring to Fig. 3A, one embodiment 66A of attachment member is shown interconnecting the top wall 48 of the storage compartment to the inner surface 30 of the window panel 28 on opaque layer 40. In this embodiment, attachment member 66A is a hook-and-loop arrangement including a sheet of fibrous material 68 attached to the opaque layer 40 by an adhesive-backed webbing 70. The fibrous material 68 is snagged or hooked by a plurality of polymeric split loops or hooks 72 extending from an adhesive-backed webbing 74 attached to the top of the storage compartment 42. An example of such a fastening material is sold under the brand name VELCRO™. In the embodiment shown in Fig. 3A, the strip of fibrous material 68 or split loops 72 has its protective backing removed to expose the adhesive and is adhered to either opaque layer 40 or the exterior of top wall 48 of the storage compartment. The cooperating,

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opposite half has its adhesive protective layer removed and is adhered in a corresponding pattern to the opposing surface. When mated, a sufficiently strong bond or attachment is made to suspend the storage compartment from the inner surface of window panel 28. Using this type of attachment member or fastener assembly, the storage compartment 42 may be preassembled to window panel 28 and shipped to the manufacturer who can install it substantially in or over the window opening from the exterior. If a different storage compartment configuration is desired, the hook-and-loop arrangement 66A facilitates detachment by allowing an exchange or substitution of compartments to may be made quickly and easily without the use of a tool.--

Please delete the paragraph at page 11, line 29 through page 12, line 13 and substitute the following therefor:

--Now referring to Figs. 6-9, 6A and 6B reveal yet another embodiment of the invention wherein an overhead peninsular console 210 is suspended from the interior surface 212 of the window panel 214 and includes a forward compartment/display section 216 which extends over the headliner 218 toward the windshield 220. Forward compartment 216 may contain an electronic or other visual display 222, for displaying information produced by a trip computer, electronic compass, and the like. The peninsular portion of the storage compartment 210 may contain a storage compartment 224 accessible through pivotal or other doors 225 and also provide a vent such as 226 for providing temperature controlled air to the rear of the vehicle. Appropriate ducting or conduit may be provided along the length of storage compartment 210, beneath headliner 218, and through the A-pillar, such as 228. Additionally, electrical power may be provided beneath the headliner and to accessory 210 as shown at 222a in Fig. 6B. A conceal 208, similar to 168 described above, may depend from the perimeter portion of window panel 214 and support the edge of headliner 218 to conceal the window opening formed in the roof of the vehicle. Additionally, conceal 208 may contain one or more compartments, such as described above with respect to Fig. 2A.--

Page 12, line 22 through page 13, line 9, please delete the amended paragraph inserted in the Response filed October 23, 2006, and substitute the following therefor:

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--In yet another embodiment of the invention, as shown in Fig. 7, another accessory or accessory component comprising a power strip 230 is attached to the interior surface 232 of the window panel 234. Power strip 230 can be arranged in a number of orientations although it is preferred that it be parallel to one of the edges of the window opening and proximate thereto such that a power cord isthmus 236 may extend thereto in a cosmetically pleasing fashion. As shown in Fig. 7A, a frit layer or coating 235 is deposited on interior surface 232 of window panel 234 and conforms substantially to the region of window panel 234 which receives power strip 230. Power strip 230 may be adhered by an adhesive layer 237 as set forth below. Power strip 230 provides an attachment member for accessories and includes an elongated member or track having a channel 238 within which are received one or more electrically powered accessories 240, such as map lights and the like, providing attachment elements 241, and conductor 239. Accessories 240 received and attached within channel 238 are preferably movable to any one of a number of positions within channel 238 to suit the need of the operator in a manner like that of track lighting in buildings. Also shown in the figure, and constituting yet another embodiment of the invention, are island storage compartments generally indicated as 242 which may contain a battery operated light source, such as indicated by 244, or also contain a single storage compartment 246 accessible via pivotal door 247 suitable to carry a pair of eyeglasses or other relatively small accessories, including an electric garage door opener. Storage compartment 242 may be located substantially anywhere along surface 232 of window panel 234. As in the previous embodiments, a conceal 248 may depend from the perimeter of window panel 234 to provide an aesthetic transition between the headliner 250 and interior surface 232 of window panel 234. Additionally, conceal 248 may contain one or more compartments, such as described above with respect to Fig. 2A.--

Page 13, lines 10-16, please delete the entire paragraph and substitute the following therefor:

--In each of the embodiments described above that may require electrical power, such power can be provided either by a local power source, such as a battery, or by a remote power source through a conductor. Wire conductors may be concealed by the vehicle accessory and headliner such as at 222a in Fig. 6B, or in the case of islands, by a decorative

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strip. Alternately, in the case of islands, a conductive film may be deposited or otherwise attached to the window panel. Additionally, the conductors may be sandwiched between the lamination of the window panel and exit therefrom at the appropriate location for attachment to the accessory.--